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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about June 23, 2003.

Applicants submit both a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 373(b) and a Consent of the Assignees (Corrected) in response to the objection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.172(a). Accordingly, ownership and consent have been appropriately established.

The objection to the Declaration and the rejection of Claims 1-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 251 are traversed, and reconsideration thereof is requested.

Applicants' original Declaration specified one error, namely, the fact that Applicants were claiming less than they had a right to claim in terms of the subject matter of added Claims 21-26. That is all which is required under 37 C.F.R. §

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1.175(a). In the Second Supplemental Declaration, additional errors were enumerated.

Accordingly, early and favorable action in this application is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/42640RE).

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